

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 30 through 32.

Claim 26 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 27 through 29 are withdrawn.

In the Specification

The specification has been corrected in accordance with the objections noted by the Examiner. The rewritten paragraphs are included in this paper.

In the Claims

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to provide that the method of the invention is carried out in a video camera. The recitation of a video camera having an optical lens distinguishes claims 1 through 25 from Abecassis '653 which relates only to a video viewing system such as on demand television. As such, it has no optical lens as called for now in claims 1 through 25. Thus, the rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 4, 7 through 11, 13, 16, 17, 19 and 22 were rejected under § 103 over Abecassis '653 and Lee '366. This rejection should now be withdrawn. Abecassis cannot function as the primary reference in this rejection because, as mentioned above, Abecassis does not disclose a video camera with an optical lens. Further, it would not be obvious to combine the teachings Abecassis with those of Lee '366 because of Lee's fundamental difference in operation from the operation now claimed. Lee teaches a mechanical automatic tracking system that moves the camera so that it points at an object being tracked. The tracking feature in Lee '366 provides data to a servo system which, in turn, controls a motor that moves the camera physically about a pivot point. Abecassis '653, on the other hand, teaches selecting and magnifying a portion of a video image so that the video image stands out

or so that it can be placed in a separate window. Nothing taught by Abecassis '653 would be desirable in Lee's tracking system. That tracking system operates according to a completely different method of operation from anything shown in Abecassis. The two systems are so dissimilar and operate for such fundamentally different purposes that incorporation of features of one into the other would be entirely counterproductive. Furthermore, no feature of Lee would make sense in Abecassis' system, especially a video camera with an optical lens. Abecassis discloses only a TV viewing system, not an image capture device. There is no teaching or suggestion in any of the art, including Lee, that Abecassis requires or even permits a video camera as part of its system.

In view of these amendments, Applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



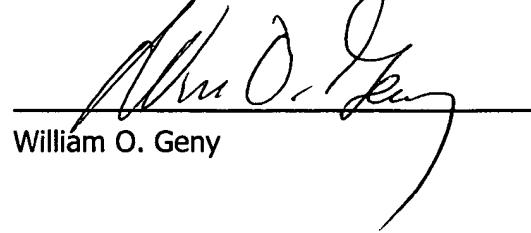
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